

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 3, lines 1-16 of the Specification as follows:

~~Co-pending and co-~~assigned United States Patent Application-No. 6,735,170
~~filed on _____~~ which issued on May 11, 2004, and entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
ESTABLISHING CONTENT-FLEXIBLE CONNECTIONS teaches a technique for
establishing an open connection (OP-N), mapped across a communications network. The OP-N
connection is "concatenatable", in that an end user can transport arbitrarily concatenated signal
traffic through the OP-N connection. In principle, virtually any combination of concatenated
and non-concatenated signals may be used, up to the bandwidth capacity of the OP-N
connection. The traffic mixture (i.e., the mix of concatenated and non-concatenated traffic)
within the OP-N connection can be selected by the end user to satisfy their requirements, and
may be changed by the end user as those requirements change, without requiring
re-configuration of the OP-N connection.